

COMMONWEALTH OF KENTUCKY
BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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In the Matter of:

APPLICATION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF)
KENTUCKY, INC., FOR APPROVAL OF)
CHANGES IN THE PROCEDURE FOR)
TESTING OF DISPLACEMENT METERS)

CASE NO. 9273

O R D E R

On July 15, 1974, the Commission authorized Columbia Gas of West Virginia, Inc., under paragraph two of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 13, to perform all tests and adjustments of the meters of Columbia Gas of Kentucky, Inc., ("Columbia") at the St. Alban's, West Virginia, meter shop in lieu of the performance of meter tests at Columbia's meter shop at Lexington, Kentucky.

On July 31, 1984, Columbia requested by letter that the Commission authorize that the tests and adjustments of Columbia's displacement type gas meters be made at the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., meter shop at Columbus, Ohio. This request is made necessary due to the sale of Columbia Gas of West Virginia, Inc., which results in the inaccessibility of the St. Alban's, West Virginia, meter shop to Columbia for repair and testing.

The Commission notes that 11 of the personnel at the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., meter repair shop have been tested and are now certified by the Commission. The Commission also notes that adequate attention has been directed at regulation deficiencies detected at the Columbus, Ohio, meter repair shop in an earlier

inspection by the Commission. The response of Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., to these regulation deficiencies appears to properly address the items brought to their attention, and the meter repair shop is now much more in compliance or will be in the near future.

After a review of the record and being fully advised, the Commission is of the opinion and finds that the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., meter repair shop in Columbus, Ohio, its meter repair and testing equipment, and personnel generally meet the Commission's requirements as provided in paragraph two of 807 KAR 5:006, Section 13, to perform all tests and adjustments on Columbia's meters, both the repair of the existing meters and the in-test of new meters, at the Columbus, Ohio, meter repair shop in lieu of the performance of meter tests and repairs at Columbia's meter shop in Lexington, Kentucky. The Commission notes that this finding is necessary in order to allow Columbia to proceed with its meter repair and testing program to comply with Commission regulations. This may be done:

1. Subject to confirmation of the validity of the claims made by Columbia with regard to correcting the regulation deficiencies brought to Columbia's attention by the Commission.
2. Provided that Columbia retains at its Lexington meter shop at least one meter prover for use by Columbia for such future requests and complaint tests, as required by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 20, that may be necessary.

3. Provided that Columbia tests at least 1 percent of the meters after they are repaired and/or in-tested and returned to Kentucky from the Columbus, Ohio, meter repair shop for a 12-month period from the date of this Order and submits a report to the Commission on each load of meters tested and repaired for the 12-month period. At the conclusion of the 12-month period the reported information will be reviewed and analyzed by the Commission staff.
4. Provided that all other applicable Rules and Regulations of the Commission be complied with in regard to meter testing and repair.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Columbia Gas of Ohio, Inc., meter repair shop in Columbus, Ohio, its meter repair and testing equipment, and its personnel be and they hereby are authorized to perform all tests and adjustments on Columbia's meters, both the repair of existing meters and the in-test of new meters.

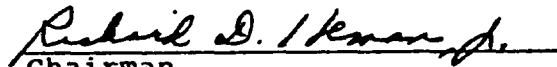
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Columbia retain at its Lexington meter shop at least one meter prover for use by Columbia for such future request and complaint tests that may be necessary.


IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Columbia test at least 1 percent of the meters after they are repaired and/or in-tested and returned to Kentucky from the Columbus, Ohio, meter repair shop for a 12-month period from the date of this Order and submit a report to the Commission, in addition to the Report of Meters, Consumers, and Refunds, on each load of meters tested and repaired during the 12-month period to determine acceptability of


the Columbus, Ohio, repair shop as a meter repair and test facility to the satisfaction of the Commission staff.

Done at Frankfort, Kentucky, this 15th day of February, 1985.

PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION


Chairman


Vice Chairman


Commissioner

ATTEST:

Secretary